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MAJOR CHANGES

1. A new exhibit of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) and the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) regarding responsibilities for security accreditation inspections and procedures for the resolution of issues is added. Office symbol changes as well as editorial and formatting changes have been made throughout the subchapter.

2. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. However, since 12 FAM 361 Exhibit 361.3 is completely new, the material is not italicized. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

3. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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